



***Substitute House Bill No. 6897***

***Public Act No. 05-64***

***AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING OVERSIGHT OF PATIENTS  
RECEIVING HOME HEALTH SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 19a-491 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

(g) The commissioner may require as a condition of the licensure of home health care agencies and homemaker-home health aide agencies that each agency meet minimum service quality standards. In the event the commissioner requires such agencies to meet minimum service quality standards as a condition of their licensure, the commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to define such minimum service quality standards, which shall (1) allow for training of homemaker-home health [care] aides by adult continuing education, (2) require a registered nurse to visit and assess each patient receiving homemaker-home health aide services as often as necessary based on the patient's condition, but not less than once every sixty days, and (3) require the assessment prescribed by subdivision (2) of this subsection to be completed while the homemaker-home health aide is providing services in the patient's home.

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